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1. AT SECRETARY LAIRD'S DIRECTION, ADMIRAL MOORER CALLED

ON 18 AUGUST TO SOLICIT CONCURRENCE IN CABLE

BEING SENT VIA MILITARY CHANNELS TO CINCPAC AND GENERAL WEYAND.

CABLE FLAGS INDIFFERENT QUALITY OF PERSONNEL IN AND LACK

OF ADEQUATE NUMBERS AS BEING "LEAST SATISFACTORY ELEMENT" IN

PRESENT VIETNAMIZATION SITUATION. WEYAND IS DIRECTED TO RAISE

THIS MATTER WITH GENERAL VIEN AND OTHER SENIOR GVN OFFICIALS AT

EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, BRINGING FORCEFULLY TO THEIR ATTENTION

THE INTELLIGENCE PROBLEMS PRESENTLY POSED BY THESE DEFICIEN-

CIES IN THE PROGRAM PLUS THE FACT THAT THESE PROBLEMS

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WILL INCREASE OVER TIME IF CORRECTIVE ACTION IS NOT PROMPTLY IMPLEMENTED. WEYAND IS ALSO DIRECTED TO FILE A MONTHLY STATUS REPORT ON IMPROVEMENTS IN THIS SPHERE.

2. MOORER PROMISED TO SEND US A COPY OF THE TEXT AS TRANSMITTED. WILL RELAY FULL TEXT TO YOU AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED. IN VIEW OF PAST [ ] PERSONNEL PROBLEMS, [ ] TOLD ADM. MOORER WE HAD NO SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEMS WITH THE PROPOSED MESSAGE. ALTHOUGH [ ] LANGUAGE WAS FAIRLY HARSH, HE FELT IT POLITICALLY UNWISE TO NON-CONCUR IN THIS MESSAGE, THE MAIN PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO CONVEY HIGHEST LEVEL INTEREST IN IMPROVING [ ] CAPABILITY. (WERE WE TO OBJECT TO STATEMENT OF TOP LEVEL CONCERN AT GVN CAPABILITIES/PERFORMANCE IN THIS SPHERE, [ ] COULD AND ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD USE THIS FACT TO UNDERCUT ANY FUTURE EXPRESSION OF

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[ ] CONCERN AT ANY ASPECT OF INDOCHINA-RELATED [ ]  
TYPE COLLECTION ACTIVITIES.)

3. HEADQUARTERS, HOWEVER, ~~XXXX~~ AGREES COMPLETELY WITH  
REF B. DISCUSSIONS WITH [ ] REVEAL THAT IT ALSO IS IN BASIC  
AGREEMENT WITH STATION AND [ ] SAIGON REP'S VIEWS. THEREFORE,  
REQUEST COS TAKE MATTER UP DIRECTLY WITH GENERAL WEYAND TO  
EXPLAIN THAT [ ] MESSAGE IS NOT INTENDED AS CRITICISM OF  
ONGOING PROGRAM BUT RATHER IS EVIDENCE OF THE HIGH-LEVEL  
INTEREST IN IT. SUGGEST THAT IF GENERAL WEYAND RAISES SUBJECT  
WITH [ ] SUPERIORS, IT BE AT LOW-KEY. WHILE IT MIGHT BE  
BETTER NOT TO MAKE SUCH AN APPROACH AT ALL AT THIS MOMENT,  
GENERAL WEYAND WILL PROBABLY (AND UNDERSTANDABLY) FEEL HE

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